

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 10-798V
(Not to be published)

ALEX HIGDON and
JANE HIGDON, parents
of A.H, a minor,

Petitioners,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

Respondent.

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Filed: January 9, 2015

Decision on Attorney's
Fees and Costs

DECISION (ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS)

In this case under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,¹ I issued a decision on November 12, 2014. On January 8, 2015, the parties filed a joint stipulation of fact concerning attorney's fees and costs in this matter. The parties' stipulation requests a total payment of \$34,338.96, representing attorney's fees and costs for work performed by the law firm of Robert J. Krakow.

I find that this petition was brought in good faith and that there existed a reasonable basis for the claim. Therefore, an award for fees and costs is appropriate, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amount seems reasonable and appropriate. **Accordingly, I hereby award the total \$34,338.96 as a lump sum in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioners and petitioners' counsel, Robert J. Krakow.**

¹ The applicable statutory provisions defining the program are found at 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 *et seq.* (2006).

In the absence of a timely-filed motion for review filed pursuant to Appendix B of the Rules of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.²

IT IS SO ORDERED

/s/ George L. Hastings, Jr.

George L. Hastings, Jr.
Special Master

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties may expedite entry of judgment by filing a joint notice renouncing the right to seek review.